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**RE: Date of Mailing of Notice of Allowance: September 27, 2004**  
**Application Serial No. 09/769,405**  
**Inventor: Arthur W. Lauder**  
**Title: ROD COUPLING**  
**Art unit: 3677**  
**Examiner: William L. Miller**  
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In response to the notice of allowability dated September 27, 2004, applicant encloses herewith credit card payment form PTO-2038 for \$ 965 for the issue fee as a small entity, the publication fee and a fee transmittal form.

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